

Central Communications, Inc  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 3rd 2016

The regular scheduled meeting was to order at 6:30 pm at Central Communications, Inc 4317 Lamberton Road, Pennsboro WV. In attendance were Sam Rogers, Stephen Worden, Gregory Robinson, Ralph Sandora, John Dotson, John Hatfield, and Angie Lipscomb.

**Approval of Minutes:** Steve Worden moved to approve the minutes; second Ralph Sandora.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** The board reviewed the financial statement prepared by the accountant. Balance of the pic account \$330,054.71 and checking \$981.94. Gregory Robinson moved to accept the treasurer's report; Stephen Worden second.

**Public Comment:** None

**Advisory Board Recommendations:** OES directors from Doddridge/Ritchie requested John Dotson propose Heads Up App. The Board discussed this subject and decided to table it.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Operations Manager Report:** Advised the Board of Directors of Central's new employee James Sheppard.

## **Deputy Director's Report –05/03/16**

### Radio System Issues

Miller Communications has installed the new radios at the Brohard Tower. We have not yet tested it much, and Smithville Fire still needs to get their radios programmed to use it.

We have been searching for tower site in the Centerpoint area. Paul Bump was to have contacted the owner of a large tower, but as far as we know, has not yet done so. This tower could be used as a SIRN site for Harrison, Doddridge, Tyler & Wetzel Counties.

As the construction of a SIRN site would be a long term project, I contacted the owner of a abandoned small tower in the Five Points area, with the thought that this could be much quicker to implement. The tower is 100', no fence, no building. They own 4-5 acres that the tower is on, and he is pretty certain they would be willing to sell it. He said he would let us know on Friday.

We received a lightening hit on the new tower here in Pennsboro. This strike entered via the phone lines. We ourselves did lose some equipment, but not very expensive equipment. It did however hinder communications with Ritchie Sheriff, Doddridge Sheriff & Doddridge Fire/EMS for several hours. The Sheriff radios mostly use the SIRN system, which was also down, though they could partially operate from the Salem, St. Marys or Red Hill sites possibly. We couldn't talk or receive on Doddridge Fire/EMS until I was able to make a workaround. Frontier completed repairs on the lines around 8 hours later.

**Executive Director:**

1. The Brohard Tower radios have been installed. We will soon start programming the Fire and EMS radios so they can use this tower.
2. We are still gathering information on the two towers in Doddridge County. One in the North and one in the South. We are working with Harrison County for an IRP tower near Center Point. George Eidel has made application for grant money for one of them. He has not heard on the outcome of it yet.
3. We had a lightning Strike at the Pennsboro Tower. It appears to be somewhat minor damage. The Sheriff Department antenna took the most costly hit. We have the antenna and hopefully it will be installed next week.
4. At the Advisory Board Meeting Jim White and George Eidel ask if the 911 Center could purchase the Heads Up Emergency Alert and Notification application. (Discuss)

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Sam Rogers

President